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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

**REMARKS**

The presently submitted reference, i.e., Cite No. F1 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, is not in English. This reference was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Of the two references cited in the JPO communication, Japanese Unexamined Pat. App. Pub. No. H08-078193 has already been submitted in an IDS dated October 11, 2005 in the instant case, and because it is thus cumulative to material already made of record, the reference is not being submitted here.

**Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation**  
**Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language reference, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-028959, the foreign patent application on the basis of

which priority is claimed in the present application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, an English abstract of Cite No. F1 is available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of the reference.

**STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

**FEE AS STIPULATED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

A final rejection was issued in the present application on June 1, 2006. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), in addition to the § 1.97(e) statement above, the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) is being submitted in an authorization, accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper, to charge to a credit card the \$180 fee.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this reference, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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